

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment:

- Claims **1-23** were pending in the present application
 - Claims **17-21** have been withdrawn from consideration
- Claims **1-9, 12** and **22-23** stand rejected

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims **2-11** and **13-16** will be pending
- Claims **2-3** and **5-9** will be amended

\As an initial matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter.

Applicant asserts that the cited prior art does not show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. Applicant does not concede that the cited prior art shows any of the elements recited in the claims. However, to expedite prosecution and issuance of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended claims to depend from independent claim, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable.

Any claims that have been cancelled or withdrawn are hereby cancelled or withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute these claims in continuing applications. In addition, Applicant has attempted to claim all embodiments disclosed in the present application, and no disclaimer of any embodiments is hereby intended by the presently pending claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219

In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0012136.00131US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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